

Breakdown of Operating Permit Fees for Wastewater Systems

Breakdown of operating permit fees is only for municipal wastewater treatment facility, wastewater lagoon system and septic system.

1. **Technical Review:** Technical review of the existing wastewater system design, specifications and operation is necessary to understand the system for management and planning purposes and to evaluate compliance with the Domestic Wastewater Disposal Regulations. This review fee will be charged only for the first year. Review will take over 8 hours per system, but a flat fee is proposed for all systems.

Cost - \$500 per system

2. **Routine Inspection:**
Frequency of the routine inspection will depend on the complexity, size and compliance status of the wastewater treatment system. The municipal wastewater treatment facilities and the wastewater lagoon systems will generally be inspected annually.

Inspection team – Civil Engineer (\$45 per hr) and Environmental Specialist (\$30 per hr)

Inspection time for municipal wastewater treatment facility or the wastewater lagoon system – 8 hours per inspection per system

Inspection cost – $$(45+30) \times 8 = \600 per system

3. **Technical Assistance/Training:**
Technical assistance will be available free of charge on as needed basis. Operators Workshops will be provided free of charge several times a year.

Estimated time – 16 hours per system for municipal wastewater treatment facility
8 hours per system for wastewater lagoon system

Cost - $$(45 \times 16) = \720 per system for municipal wastewater treatment facility
\$360 per system for wastewater lagoon system

4. **Operator Certification Training/Exams:** NNEPA-PWSSP organizes several trainings every year that can be used for continuing education and for the preparation of operator certification exams. Most of these trainings are free to the operators. NNPDWR requires 35 PDH in a 3-year period for renewal of operator certification.

Hourly cost: \$45

Estimated time: 8 hours for municipal wastewater treatment facility
4 hours for wastewater lagoon system
2 hours for septic system

Cost: \$360 for municipal wastewater treatment facility
\$180 for wastewater lagoon system
\$ 90 for septic system

5. Records & Database Management: Database is maintained for all the sampling results, inspection, certified testers, compliance status and reports. Database is maintained by an office specialist and an environmental specialist.

Hourly cost: \$50 (= \$30 + \$20)

Estimated time: 16 hours/year per municipal wastewater treatment facility

8 hours/year per wastewater lagoon system

4 hours/year per septic system

Cost: \$800 per municipal wastewater treatment facility

\$400 per wastewater lagoon system

\$200 per septic system

6. Rulemaking, Publication for Public Comments, Public Hearing, Public Education, Flyers, Posters and other Office Expenses:

Estimated Lump sum: \$200 per municipal wastewater treatment facility

\$100 per wastewater lagoon system

\$ 50 per septic system

Total Cost:

System	First Year	Renewal Fee Every 3 Year
Municipal wastewater Treatment System	\$3180	\$2680
Wastewater lagoon system	\$2140	\$1640
Septic System	\$1440	\$940